Resumption of defence supplies to India by US

3055. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States has agreed to resume defence supplies to India which was frozen since Pokhran II test;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether India has communicated her requirements necessary to modernise the defence weaponary and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) During the meeting of the India-US Defence Policy Group (DPG), the general issue of restoration of the defence supply relationship between the two countries was also discussed. The US side was requested to expedite the clearance of the pending export licenses. Their formal reaction is awaited.

Opening of Army Schools in Rajasthan

3056. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open Army schools in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of Army schools Government propose to open in various other States; and

(e) the details thereof stating their number?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There are no 'Army Schools' being run by the Government.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Air-violation by US surveillance plane over Chennai

†3057. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US surveillance plane had recently flown over the nuclear installations of India near Chennai *sans* prior permission;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some concrete steps to ensure that such incidents do not recur in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Utilisation of retired services personnel in Police Forces

3058. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of service personnel who constitute a rich source of trained and disciplined manpower, retired/released from active service every year;

(b) whether Government propsoe to absorb some of them in Central Police Organisations and State Armed Police Forces and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The average number of personnel retiring/released from service every year is as under:—

Army	-	51,537
Air Force	-	5516
Navy	-	3193

(b) and (c) In the Recruitment Rules of the Central Para Military Forces, provision has been made to reserve posts for ex-servicemen at the level of Assistant Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables and Constables. Few State Governments have also reserved certain percentage of posts in State Police Force for ex-servicemen.

Seizure of Assam bound weapons by Myanmarese Army

3059. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that on the Indo-Myanmar border the Myanmar armies seizes Assam-bound weapons: